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SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know whether it is a fact that some of the doctors posted for work in these islands did not go there? If so, may I know what action the Government have taken in the matter? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The doctors have been given a compensatory allowance of Rs. 100 each. Five have offered to go and are actually going."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The whole calamity that has befallen these islanders is due to lack of communication. When cholera and other epidemics are rampant in the islands neither doctors nor sympathisers of the islanders are in a position to reach the place. In view of these facts, will the Hon. Minister urgently consider the question of starting steamer communication to the islands? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" That is also under consideration."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" As these two islands seem to be very interesting islands, may I ask the Government to give us facilities for undertaking an excursion of M.L.A.'s to the islands so that after return we may put more supplementary questions? " (Laughter.)

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Government said that there are five dispensaries for the benefit of these islanders. May I know whether any of these had remained closed for want of doctors and if so for how long? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I said that doctors have already left and they are there."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know whether the inclusion of these islands as part of our State is profitable to us or is a drain on our resources? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I cannot say, Sir, now."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" இந்தத் தீவுகளிலிருந்து சர்க்காருக்கு பலன் ஏதாவது இருக்கிறதா என்று கேட்கிறேன் ".

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Nothing can be said now."

Purchase of District Gazette for the use of the Panchayat Board, Badagara.

* 785 *Q*.—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the Badagara Panchayat Board for permission to buy the District Gazette for the use of the Panchayat Board; and

(*b*) the orders passed thereon?

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THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Reservation of lands for assignment to Harijans in Perambalur taluk.

* 786 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the number of acres of land (wet and dry) reserved for the use of Harijans in Perambalur taluk?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" 9,140·70 acres of dry land have been reserved for assignment to Harijans in Perambalur taluk of Tiruchirappalli district. No wet land has been reserved for such assignment."

Opening of a Jaggery Co-operative Society in Badakam, Kasaragod taluk.

* 787 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Kasaragod, South Kanara, has received a petition, dated 1st December 1953, from the ex-toddy tappers of Badakam village, Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara, to form a Jaggery Co-operative Society in that village; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken by the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies of Kasaragod in the matter?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Local Fund Hospital, Taliparamba.

* 788 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount spent by the Government for the Local Fund Hospital, Taliparamba, in 1951–52 and 1952–53;

(*b*) the number of beds available for in-patients and the number admitted during 1951–52;

(*c*) whether there is no compound wall for the hospital and the hospital premises are made insanitary and dirty; and

(*d*) if so, what steps the Government propose to take to make the hospital yard and compound sound and clean?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*)

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